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THEFTS FROM A GREAT FIRM.

WHAT ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO. FOUND.
A TRUSTED CASHIER IMPLICATED IN IRREGULARITIES—O'LEARY'S STEALINGS—A TALE WITH HENRY C. PEDDER.

The general features of a swindling scheme which had been successfully worked to plunder the well-known dry goods firm of Arnold, Constable & Co. were printed in THE TRIBUNE on June 27, the day after the last of the persons supposed to have been engaged in it had been arrested. An examination of the books of the firm made to discover the amount of money lost through the swindle has revealed the fact that the firm's losses were not restricted to the amount mentioned in the publication three weeks ago, but that an old and trusted employee had been guilty of irregularities which would swell the losses, one report said, to \$50,000. The facts previously stated were in brief these:

OPERATIONS OF O'LEARY AND HIS ACCOMPLICES.

On June 24 Arnold, Constable & Co. discovered that for a long time they had been paying for goods alleged to have been purchased from mythical firms, which of course, were never delivered. The persons engaged in the dishonest scheme were Cornelius O'Leary, of No. 345 East Fifteenth-st.; Mrs. Belinda F. Burke, of No. 409 East Seventeenth-st.; Mrs. Burke's son Joseph, a young man in the milk business, and William Devlin, a porter employed by the firm. O'Leary, previous to some time in 1883, had been employed by Arnold, Constable & Co. in the capacity of receiving clerk in the women's department. It was his business to receive the goods purchased for that department, examine them and certify to their arrival in the store by an endorsement of the bill, which after receiving the signatures of three checking clerks went to the cashier for payment. The fact that in the course of time these clerks began to sign all bills which he sent to them, in a purely perfunctory manner, suggested to O'Leary that he might put in his bills and himself secure the money. To this end he enlisted Mrs. Burke in the enterprise. He sent in bills for underware purporting to come from "R. Burke," had the cashier send the checks by mail instead of messenger to the supposed manufacturers, and was himself the receiver of them. He secured money in this manner several times, but then lost his place with Arnold, Constable & Co. This made necessary an extension of the conspiracy. Now Devlin entered into the thieving plot. He had been twelve years in the service of the firm and was esteemed an honest man. He procured for O'Leary bills containing the signature of the new receiving check, a man named Lynn. O'Leary forged the signature to a fictitious bill for \$3,062.52 and slipped it into a pile of genuine bills on Lynn's desk. He got the money as before, and henceforth Devlin was relied on to put the bills in the way of collection. The young man Joseph Burke was instrumental in getting the checks cashed. On June 24 a check made out in payment of a bogus bill for \$960.40 was sent by messenger instead of by mail, and the non-existence of the manufacturing firm was shown to be one of the alibi witnesses used. It is a man with the nerve and energy of a thief.

CARNEGIE AND STOREY GOOD FRIENDS.
WHAT THE FORMER SAYS OF THEIR NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISES IN ENGLAND.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURGH, July 13.—A London dispatch stated that Andrew Carnegie had quarreled with Mr. Storey, M. P., who is associated with him in the control of seven Liberal newspapers in Great Britain, and it further said that their business relations had been severed, and that Mr. Carnegie had refused to advise any more money. In an interview with Mr. Carnegie at Cresson yesterday, he said that he was glad to have an opportunity to contradict the report. "It is utterly absurd," said Mr. Carnegie. "My relations with Mr. Storey have in no way become unpleasant, and next month he intends to come to this country as my guest, and will remain with me some time. I suppose that the reader is interested in the fact that I, as well as other friends of Mr. Storey, have taken him to task over account of several erratic votes cast by him in Parliament recently. This was done in a friendly way, and did not at all create any bad feeling. I have no friend in England and of whom I think more than I do of Mr. Storey. His success in his enterprises in which he has interested me shall always be one of the alibi witnesses used. It is a man with the nerve and energy of a thief."

CASHER SEYMOUR'S IRREGULARITIES.

An examination of the books had disclosed that there were irregularities also in the accounts of the cashier, Mr. Seymour. At first it was said that he had made an over-draft amounting to \$3,000. Having been long in the service and confidence of the firm, he was not arrested, as he turned over what property he had in settlement of his defection. It is now reported that the discrepancy in his accounts may reach \$50,000. Mr. Seymour has been living in Brooklyn in a style which has caused comment, and which brought him under suspicion. He also had a country-seat on Long Island.

The confidential man of Arnold, Constable & Co. is Henry C. Pedder. He has charge of the firm's credits and real estate and is nearest of all the employees to the partners. When the discoveries of the frauds were made, Mr. Pedder was in Europe. He had gone abroad early in May, taking his family with him and combining pleasure with some business in relation to the Parthenon branch of the firm. He was requested by telegram to return home at once and he did so, arriving on the 21st on Monday of this week. He went immediately to the business house of Arnold, Constable & Co., but did not reach his home in Orange, N. J., until yesterday afternoon. His detention here is attributed to the illness of his wife.

WHAT MR. PEDDER SAYS.
Mr. Pedder was visited by a TRIBUNE reporter at his home last evening. He is one of the favored mortals who live in Llewellyn Park, a lovely tract of country diversified with hills and ravines, covered with magnificent trees, and having its macadamized roads bordered with greenward and great ribbons of variegated plants. There are between twenty-five and thirty dwellings inside the park, but none is comparable with that of Mr. Pedder, who went there about two years ago. In Orange it is said that his house is the costliest and most expensive in the town. He is a man of great literary attainments, and has more than half of the \$100,000 share capital of The Manhattan Magazine Company, and several articles from his pen have appeared in the pages of the magazine. He is also the author of two or three books on questions of religion and social science. Exports to his full house and rare taste and refinement are exhibited in carvings, furniture, pictures and rugs which beautify his home. Mr. Pedder, when asked about the irregularities which had been discovered in the business of Arnold, Constable & Co., was anxious that the publications should be exact. Being told the facts, he said that he was not in a position to say anything, as they have been stated in the foregoing narrative, he admitted their correctness, but said that the sum would not reach anywhere near \$50,000. He said the discovery of Seymour's irregularities had preceded the disclosure of the O'Leary forgery, and that no satisfactory settlement had been arrived at between the firm and Mr. Seymour. His own relations with the firm, he said, were still what they had been. More than this he declined to say.

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A DUEL FOUGHT WITH SWORDS.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

NEW-ORLEANS, July 14.—A duel was fought this morning on the opposite side of the river, between Captain J. E. Blom, a well-known steamboat man, and Evaristo Poche, a prominent Creole gentleman, the brother of one of the justices of the State Supreme Court, who went there about two years ago. In Orange it is said that his house is the costliest and most expensive in the town. He is a man of great literary attainments, and has more than half of the \$100,000 share capital of The Manhattan Magazine Company, and several articles from his pen have appeared in the pages of the magazine. He is also the author of two or three books on questions of religion and social science. Exports to his full house and rare taste and refinement are exhibited in carvings, furniture, pictures and rugs which beautify his home. Mr. Pedder, when asked about the irregularities which had been discovered in the business of Arnold, Constable & Co., was anxious that the publications should be exact. Being told the facts, he said that he was not in a position to say anything, as they have been stated in the foregoing narrative, he admitted their correctness, but said that the sum would not reach anywhere near \$50,000. He said the discovery of Seymour's irregularities had preceded the disclosure of the O'Leary forgery, and that no satisfactory settlement had been arrived at between the firm and Mr. Seymour. His own relations with the firm, he said, were still what they had been. More than this he declined to say.

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SUSTAINING THE SCOTT LAW.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

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FORGING HIS FATHER'S NAME.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CAMDEN, N. J., July 14.—John Hughes, a member of the City Council, was held to bail this evening for his decision in the defense of County Treasurer Whitlock to the petition of 250 citizens to retain him from collecting the Scott Law tax. The judge decided the decision of the Supreme Court and denied to sustain the claim of the citizens that the decision of the City Council was unconstitutional. The decision of the City Council was upheld, and the tax was collected.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS—BY TELEGRAPH.

A MURDER, NOT AN ACCIDENT.
DETROIT, July 14.—Incidents at Lake Harbor, near Muskegon, show that the unknown young man whose body was found there last week under circumstances which led to the belief that he had committed suicide, was, in fact, murdered and left in this situation for the purpose of concealing his crime.

DISASTER AT BAR HARBOR.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

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A RAILROAD FLAGMAN KILLED.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CAMDEN, N. J., July 14.—William Gregg, a flagman at Westville, on the West Jersey Railroad, was struck and killed by a train this morning, while flagging another approaching train.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CAMDEN, July 15.—The Grand Castle of New-Jersey of the Knights of the Golden Eagle was instituted

here today, the following officers being chosen: P. G. C. John P. Price, Salem; G. C. Joseph H. Minett, Camden; John P. Price, William A. Garrison, Millford; M. R. Daniel M. Stevens, Camden; K. of E., P. H. Eichenbach, Camden; G. H. F. Henry F. Bacon, Salem; G. S. H. George J. Robertson, Mount Holly; first G. S., Luther Richmond, Salem; second G. S., George J. Robertson, Camden. The first castle of the order in the State was instituted less than a year ago and there are now five, all having large membership.

A REJECTED SUITOR TO BE HANGED.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

KILLING A MAN HE MISTOOK FOR HIS RIVAL—HIS ACCOMPLICE CONFESSIONS.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 16.—For nearly two years Joseph Williams and Joseph Peebles were suitors for the hand of Miss Alvarado Watkins, all of whom live in Wake forest township. About a year ago it became known that Peebles was engaged to the lady. Williams, determined to kill his rival, Peebles kept a country store, and every night in going home he travelled along a path within a mile of where Williams lived. Last December, accompanied by his comrade John Paul, Williams went to Reidsville to church. Miss Watkins was there, and as she came out of church, Williams proposed to escort her home. She refused, and went with Peebles. This respite, in the presence of the congregation, made Williams very mad. He drank heavily and told Paul that he intended to kill Peebles that night. After dark Williams armed himself with a rifle and with Paul proceeded to the path where the store. Fortunately, Paul had been home an hour sooner than this escaped assassination.

Williams bid himself behind a dead oak tree, and Paul sat down on a pine log. They waited for some time and finally Williams went up the path and came back, saying that Peebles was coming in a few minutes. The person came along and Williams shot him. Paul replied: "I have killed him." Williams replied: "I do not make any difference, I will get Peebles next time." The body was found next morning, and the murderer was wrapped in profound mystery for several days. Finally Paul died this morning.

It does not appear that any effort was made to find the murderer.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.
THE DISEASE NOT ABATING IN FRANCE.

GATHERING CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE—BRUTALITY AT THE AUTOPSY.

WELLSVILLE, O., July 14.—In Salineville yesterday, a large bunch of human hair, matted and tangled, and coated with blood, was found hanging to a stake near where the body of Gertrude Phillips was found. Fragments of a letter, written on a neat hand, were also found near the bones, were seen. Upon being put together, it was discovered that it was a letter she had written to her mother about a year ago, and finding it in her possession on the fatal Sunday, she had torn it to pieces. Some distance below the spot where the body was found was a small stream. Upon the right bank of this a farmer's boy found a silver dollar stained with blood. In this stream the murderer must have washed his hands after completing their work. The man important development was the finding of a revolver that belonged to Hunter, and must have been in his possession at the time of the murder.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.

MARIEVILLE, July 16.—The number of deaths here from cholera during the past twenty-four hours was fifty-three. The total number of deaths from the appearance of the plague here until the present time is 578.

MM. Rousseau, Minister of the Interior, Herisson, Minister of Commerce, and Baynal, Minister of Public Works, have arrived here on a tour of inspection.

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ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

MANY CALLERS WITH GOOD NEWS—SUCCESS OF THE RATIFICATION MEETINGS—APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

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VENICE, July 16.—The police here have been ordered to arrest all Mormon missionaries detected in the act of endeavoring to secure converts to their faith. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Paul Hammer, of Novato.

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GENEVA, JULY 16.—A large fire has occurred in the grain stores here, destroying an immense quantity of corn and flour.

BURNEY, July 16.—A mass-meeting of striking operatives was held here this morning, at which it was decided to accept the demands of the employers.

MADISON, July 14.—The Italian Government has taken active steps to obtain a disavowal of the recent speech of Senator Palmer, Spanish Minister of Commerce, and the Italian Ambassador to France.

DUBLIN, July 16.—James Hill, French, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who is under arrest on a charge of treason, has been released.

LONDON, July 16.—General Merritt, the American Consul-General, has appointed a physician to examine vessels leaving London for the United States, assuring their sanitary condition.

ALARM IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, July 16.—It is reported that a sailing vessel has arrived at Miramichi, N. B., direct from Marselles without perfect quarantine, and much disease is felt here over the circumstance, as the vessel is from the heart of the cholera district, and it is felt that many cases will result.

EDMONTON, July 16.—The Canadian steamer Beaujolais, which had been captured by the rebels in the Philippines Islands, was released yesterday.

MANY FAVORABLE REPORTS.

The reports brought by callers were all of the most favorable character. There was much congratulation on the splendid success of the New York City Republicans in their ratification meeting.

It is to be hoped that the next House will kill the Public Educational Bill passed by the Senate. Lieutenant Governor Blaine, who is under arrest on a charge of treason, has been released.

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